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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), established by the Security Council in its resolution 1996 (2011), and most recently extended by the Council in its resolution 2304 (2016).

Following the usual consultations, I would like to inform you of my intention to appoint Mr. David Shearer (New Zealand) as my Special Representative for South Sudan and Head of UNMISS. He will succeed Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj (Denmark), who completed her assignment on 30 November 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Ms. Løj for her dedication and effective leadership.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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